



# City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER

18.  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
February 6, 1978

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

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- WHEREAS:** The use of the balcony is essential to accommodating the large crowds which assemble, as for example
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- WHEREAS:** Being able to listen to the public is one of the most important functions of the City Council, which helps the Council to legitimize its powers and reconcile the exercise of these powers with the public will; and
- WHEREAS:** The balcony is an integral part of an excellent architectural design, and it would be an act of desecration to permit the City Council Chamber to disintegrate further instead of restoring the Chamber as the City Manager has repeatedly been asked to do; and
- WHEREAS:** The Council Chamber is also an historical chamber worthy of preservation and restoration intact; therefore be it
- ORDERED:** That the City Manager be requested to instruct the Community Development Department to work on productive matters rather than such destructive pursuits, as it is the sense of the City Council that it will not approve funds for use of the City Council Chamber for any purpose other than the legislative chamber for which it was designed; and be it further
- ORDERED:** That the City Manager instruct the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance which places the Council Chamber under the jurisdiction of the City Council.

In City Council February 13, 1978  
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote  
of 9 members.  
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

*Paul E. Healy*



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C. Wylie re: City Council Balcony.

*LW*  
*A* 2/13/78

*Order Adopted as  
amended by E. Kellogg  
to add a new paragraph  
and set further  
orders. That the  
City Manager instruct*

In City Council,

February 6, 1978

*The City Manager to  
prepare an ordinance  
which places the  
Lodges' charges  
under the jurisdiction  
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